

Listing of Claims

Please cancel claims 38, 48-49, 52, and 56-59

Please add claim 60.

Please amend claims 37, 40-43, 50-51, and 53 as follows:

Claims 1-36. (canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) An ostomy appliance body side member comprising an adhesive wafer ~~extending between an outer rim and having an inner rim defining a hole for accommodating a stoma, and including~~ a first moisture-absorbing adhesive surface for securing the appliance to a user's skin and a second surface ~~covered with having a carrier sheet~~removable release liner, a portion of the adhesive wafer surrounding the stoma having balanced plastic and elastic properties, a central part of the second surface of ~~said the adhesive wafer surrounding said stoma accommodating hole being provided with~~having a hydrophobic adhesive layer thereon that is compatible with the first adhesive surface ~~and that has an adhesive upper surface;~~
wherein ~~that allows the stoma accommodating hole to be~~is enlarged by removing the removable release liner from the second surface of the adhesive wafer to expose the hydrophobic adhesive layer, rolling up the inner rim of the adhesive wafer toward the outer rim, and adhering to form a torus, said torus being locked in said rolled-up position by adhesion between the first adhesive surface and ~~said adhesive upper surface of the~~to said exposed hydrophobic adhesive layer as provided ~~on said of the~~second surface.

38. (Canceled).

39. (Previously Presented) The body side member as claimed in claim 37, wherein the adhesive wafer is made from an adhesive including hydrocolloids.

40. (Currently Amended) The body side member as claimed in claim 37, ~~wherein~~
~~the~~further comprising:

~~a carrier sheet is absent on said central part of the second surface of said wafer surrounding the stoma and having said disposed on the second surface and extending from the outer rim to the hydrophobic adhesive layer thereon.~~

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41. (Currently Amended) The body side member according to claim 40 wherein the hydrophobic adhesive layer is disposed between the second surface and stretches under at least a portion of the carrier sheet.

42. (Currently Amended) The body side member as claimed in claim 37 wherein further comprising:

a removable release liner protects disposed on the first adhesive surface.

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43. (Currently Amended) The body side member as claimed in claim ~~37~~40, wherein the carrier sheet extends to the central part of the wafer.

44. (Previously Presented) The body side member as claimed in claim 43, wherein the carrier sheet on the central part of the second surface of the adhesive wafer surrounding the stoma is provided with a weakening pattern.

45. (Previously Presented) The body side member as claimed in claim 37, wherein the part of the adhesive wafer surrounding the stoma is formed as an exchangeable sealing member disposed in the hole of the wafer and has a hole for accommodating a stoma.

46. (Previously Presented) The body side member as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a coupling component for releasable attachment of a receiving bag.

47. (Previously Presented) The body side member as claimed in claim 46, wherein said coupling component includes matching coupling rings.

48 - 49 (Cancelled)

50. (Currently Amended) A method of applying an ostomy appliance body side member having an adhesive wafer with an inner rim that defines a hole for accommodating a stoma, a first adhesive surface for securing the appliance to an ostomate's abdomen and a second surface ~~covered with a carrier sheet~~, a portion of the adhesive wafer surrounding the stoma having balanced plastic and elastic properties, a central part of the second surface of said adhesive wafer ~~surrounding said stoma accommodating hole being provided with a separate~~ having a hydrophobic adhesive layer compatible with the first adhesive surface ~~of the adhesive wafer and having an adhesive upper surface covered by and a~~ removable release liner ~~disposed over the hydrophobic adhesive layer~~, the method comprising:

~~removing said release liner from said adhesive upper surface of the~~
hydrophobic adhesive layer;

~~enlarging the hole to adapt to the a size of the stoma by rolling the inner rim of the hole away from the stoma, either inwardly or outwardly with respect to the ostomate's abdomen, to form a torus toward an outer perimeter of the adhesive wafer;~~

~~locking the torus to the second surface in its rolled position by contact between~~ adhering the hydrophobic adhesive layer ~~and to~~ the first adhesive surface; and

aligning the stoma and the stoma-accommodating hole of the ostomy appliance body side member and placing the body side member on the abdomen of the ostomate with the stoma projecting into the hole.

51. (Currently Amended) A method of applying a separately exchangeable ostomy sealing member in a body side member, said sealing member having balanced plastic and elastic properties and including an inner rim that defines a first hole for accommodating a stoma, a first moisture-absorbing adhesive surface adapted for securing the sealing member to an ostomate's abdomen and for receiving secretions from the stoma, and a second surface facing away from the user, a central part of the second surface of said sealing member surrounding said first hole being provided with a hydrophobic adhesive layer compatible with the first adhesive surface of the adhesive wafer and having an adhesive upper surface covered by a release liner, the method comprising:

- a) locating the stoma and aligning the stoma and a second stoma-accommodating hole of the body side member and placing the body side member on the abdomen of the ostomate with the stoma projecting into the second hole;
 - b) removing the release liner from said adhesive upper surface of the hydrophobic adhesive layer;
 - c) enlarging the first hole of the sealing member by rolling the inner rim of the hole of the sealing member ~~toward an outer perimeter of the sealing member away from the stoma, either inwardly or outwardly with respect to the ostomate's abdomen, to form a torus;~~
 - d) adapting the first hole of the sealing member to the size of the stoma;
 - e) ~~locking the torus in its rolled position by contact between~~ adhering the first adhesive surface ~~and to~~ the hydrophobic adhesive layer ~~on said~~ of the second surface of the sealing member;
 - f) aligning the stoma and the second hole of the ostomy sealing member;
- and
- g) placing the sealing member in the second hole of the body side member on the abdomen of the ostomate with the stoma projecting into the first hole.

52. (Cancelled)

53. (Currently Amended) The body side member as claimed in claim ~~52-51~~ wherein said release liner is embodied as a separator sheet that is covered by said carrier sheet, said carrier sheet having a weakening zone defining a central part of said carrier sheet that is positioned over said separator sheet and that can be removed separately while a remainder of said carrier sheet including an inner rim thereof remains in place to allow the separator sheet to be removed to expose the adhesive upper surface of said hydrophobic adhesive layer.

54. (Previously Presented) The body side member as claimed in claim 53 wherein an outer edge of said separator sheet extends under the inner rim of said carrier sheet, said separator sheet including a weakening zone that defines a central part of said separator sheet that

can be removed separately while said separator sheet outer edge remains in place under said carrier sheet inner rim.

55. (Previously Presented) The body side member as claimed in claim 54 wherein said weakening zones are defined by cuts in said sheets.

56-59. (Cancelled)

60. (New) An ostomy appliance body side member comprising:
an adhesive wafer extending between an outer rim and an inner rim
defining a hole for accommodating a stoma and including a first adhesive surface
attachable to a user's skin and a second adhesive surface opposite the first adhesive
surface;
a removable release liner disposed over a portion of the second adhesive
surface; and
a carrier sheet disposed on the second adhesive surface over at least a
portion of the removable release liner, a portion of the carrier sheet removable to expose
a portion of the second adhesive surface and leave a remainder of the carrier sheet in
place;
wherein the hole for accommodating the stoma is enlarged by rolling the
inner rim of the adhesive wafer toward the outer rim and adhering the first
adhesive surface to the exposed portion of the second adhesive surface.